

INJURY PREVENTION TASK FORCE (IPTF) MEETING
January 5, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fergus Laughridge, Program Manager, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Bureau of Licensure & Certification (BLC)
Bruce Mackey, Program Manager, Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
Mary Griffith, Health Resource Analyst, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics (BHP&S)
Kelly Anrig, Safety Engineer, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Debra Brus, Epidemiologist, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)
Jennifer Stoll-Hayadia, WCDHD
Mike Bernstein, Health Educator II, Clark County Health District
Robinette Bacon, School Health Education Coordinator, Department of Education (DOE)
Barbara Ludwig, Clark County SAFE KIDS
Ken Whittaker, Washoe County SAFE KIDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. John Fildes, Department of Surgery, University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)
Erin Breen, Safe Community Partnership Program

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Cynthia C. Huth, RN, MSN, CNM, Health Program Specialist 2, BFHS
Kelly Y. Langdon, MPH, Health Program Specialist 1, BFHS
Wei Yang, PhD, State Chief Biostatistician, BHP&S
Andrea Rivers, Injury Biostatistician, BHP&S
Kimberly Williams, Administrative Assistant 1, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Pam Graham, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Licensure & Certification (BLC)
Deborah Kreun, State Chapter Director, ThinkFirst - Nevada
Scott Rolfe, Trauma Educator, University Medical Center (UMC)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Fergus Laughridge called the Injury Prevention Task Force (IPTF) meeting to order at **9:35 a.m.** at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification (BLC) building in Carson City. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Kinkead Building, Carson City; Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), Las Vegas; Elko Nursing Office, Elko, and on the Health Division website, www.health2k.state.nv.us

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2004

Mr. Laughridge motioned for approval of the minutes as written and Kelly Anrig seconded the motion.
MOTION APPROVED.

TASK FORCE AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Laughridge introduced Ken Whittaker from Washoe County SAFE KIDS. He replaced Eric Guevin on the Task Force. Robinette Bacon announced the office of Childhood Nutrition and School of Health would be moving to Suite 20 at the Moody Street address on February 7, 2005. Ms. Bacon noted the Department of Education (DOE) would be administering the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Mike Bernstein updated the IPTF on fall prevention education for senior citizens in Clark County. Mr. Bernstein stated this is an area of need and are trying to find an organization to help educate the public on these injuries. Bruce Mackey noted there were 396 traffic fatalities in the year 2004 making this the worst year in Nevada's history. Forty-nine of these fatalities were motorcycles. Bicycle fatalities also increased 40%. Mr. Anrig stated the 2003 and 2004; motor vehicle crash data should be caught up with in the next month. Scott Rolfe from University Medical Center (UMC) Trauma Center from Las Vegas introduced himself.

DISCUSSION OF NEVADA'S STATE TRAUMA REGISTRY

Dr. Wei Yang explained the Nevada law requires the state to have a Trauma Registry; however, there has not been much support for this law. The Trauma Registry data is collected by hospitals and a report is then compiled. Dr. Yang stated Mary Griffith is responsible for the trauma registry data and several injury databases, which include:

1. Trauma Registry
2. Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
3. Mortality Data
4. Hospital Discharge Data

These databases are compiled together and a report is prepared. Dr. Yang expressed all hospitals in Nevada are required to report trauma. Mr. Laughridge suggested Dr. Yang draft a budget of the costs associated with maintaining the trauma registry.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MANDATING E-CODES THROUGH THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Debra Brus explained E-Codes are a system of codes that are attached to discharge documents and identify causes of injury. In order to mandate E-Codes it is believed there should be a change in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). Ms. Brus noted the Board of Health (BOH) is responsible for mandating the contents of the hospital discharge data. Ms. Brus stated the NRS gives the authority to the Division of Health Care Policy and Financing (DHCFP) to work with the BOH to update and change the regulations. Mr. Laughridge stated the NAC 449.963 falls under BLC. He noted a work group would get together to draft language changes for the NAC 449.963 requiring E-coding. Mr. Mackey moved to approve and Ms. Brus seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DISCUSSION OF LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN CHILDREN IN 2003

Andrea Rivers distributed a summary of accidental deaths by age group (18 years and under) and type of accident for Nevada Residents in 2003. Ms. Rivers discussed the concerns the IPTF had regarding the deaths in children under the age of 18. Through the report, Ms. Rivers determined poisonings in children deaths were not as high as the IPTF once thought. There were 6 deaths due to accidental poisonings in children in the year 2003, but 57 deaths due to motor vehicle accidents and 10 deaths due to drowning. Ms. Rivers suggested the IPTF reprioritize after seeing the current data. Ms. Brus expressed the importance of E-coding to capture the morbidity rate. Kelly Langdon suggested including a discussion on IPTF priorities on the next agenda. Cynthia Huth noted the focus does not have to be on children. Mr. Laughridge suggested prioritizing the leading causes of death and focus on using the carry over funds for the number one cause.

DISCUSSION OF THE CDC'S PUBLIC HEALTH INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

Ms. Langdon stated the Injury Prevention grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is at the end of the five-year grant cycle and will end in July of 2005. Mary Griffith, Ms. Rivers, and Ms. Langdon have been working on writing the grant application for the next five years. Mr. Laughridge will be preparing a letter of support for the grant application, which will include the IPTF signatures. The Request for Application (RFA) guidelines are out and the application deadline is February 7, 2005. Ms. Langdon explained there are four sections to the RFA. Ms. Langdon stated the injury prevention program would be applying for parts A and B only. Part A encompasses the basic injury prevention and control program and must be applied for in order to be eligible for parts B, C, and D. Part B is for a traumatic brain injury extended surveillance program. The CDC will award approximately thirty-three awards for Part A in the amount of \$144,000 each, and four awards for Part B in the amount of \$110,000 each.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEVADA'S INJURY PREVENTION STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Langdon reviewed and discussed the Draft Injury Prevention Strategic Plan. Task Force members made suggestions and changes throughout the document. Ms. Langdon will make the changes and share the final Strategic Plan with the entire task force.

UPDATE ON THE INJURY PREVENTION WEBSITE

Ms. Langdon noted the injury prevention website has been updated with membership information, website links, and bylaws. The website can be viewed at <http://health2k.state.nv.us/BFHS/injury>.

DISCUSSION ON TASK FORCE BYLAWS

The IPTF discussed the possibility of adding new membership to the task force. Mr. Mackey stated it would benefit the IPTF to have a representative from the Family Resource Centers on the IPTF. Ms. Langdon noted Item 11.1 in the bylaws currently state: Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing to any member of the task force twenty-one (21) days prior to any regular meeting. This item needs to be changed to thirty (30) days; the IPTF will vote on this at the next meeting on April 7, 2005.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INJURY PREVENTION NETWORK

Mr. Mackey has set up an injury prevention list serve in Yahoo groups. Mr. Mackey suggests email him at bmackey@dps.state.nv.us to be added to the list serve. Mr. Mackey states the list serve is open for anyone to use, and he will be the moderator for it. Ms. Bacon moved to approve the use of this list serve and Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POSSIBLE INJURY PREVENTION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EMS CONFERENCE

Mr. Laughridge discussed the annual rural EMS conference to be held April 29 – May 1, 2005 in Ely, Nevada. Mr. Laughridge stated the conference has already been planned but expressed the importance of the IP program to participate at the conference. He suggested having a display present on injury prevention and the Task Force. Mr. Bernstein moved for the participation of the IP program and Mr. Mackey seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

TASK FORCE TO SET MEETING DATES FOR 2005

The next IPTF meetings have been scheduled for April 7, July 7, and October 6, 2005 all at 9:30 a.m. These meetings will be videoconferenced between the BLC offices in Las Vegas and Carson City. Mr. Bernstein moved to approve and Ms. Stoll-Hadayia seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Stoll-Hadayia expressed interest in the annual national Injury Prevention conference, which is sponsored by CDC. Ms. Langdon will be attending this conference in Denver, Colorado the week of May 9, 2005, and will discuss the conference at the July 7, 2005 IPTF meeting. Mr. Bernstein will be attending the suicide prevention conference February 28 - March 2, 2005 and he will update the IPTF at the April 7, 2005 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at **12:37 p.m.**